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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: John T. Downey

1. Mr. David Martin, Staff Assistant to Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.), called today with further reference to the Senator's interest in the case of John T. Downey. Martin said that Bernie Yoe (a Chinese with whom he has contact) had come up with a new proposal in an effort to obtain Downey's release. This would involve a contact with survivors of Norman Bethune who might write to Mao on Mrs. Downey's behalf.

2. Mr. Martin thought if we had no objection it would be useful if the Agency could locate a survivor of Bethune's with the assistance of [REDACTED]

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3. I agreed to talk to our people about this and be back in touch with Martin.

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Deputy Legislative Counsel

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